

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require their stations to air a political documentary before the election points to an abuse of equal time and media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves, and is obligated by tradition and law to serve the public interest. But when few companies control channel space, we get more of what's good for their interests and less of a free exchange of ideas.

Instead of homogenous productions at "News Central" in Washington DC, it's more important that we receive a balance of real information from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that affect us directly.

We need to clarify media ownership rules, not ignore them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.